IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

William COOKSON et al. : Attn: BOX PCT

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REPLY TO NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 USC 371

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the PTO Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 USC 371 dated October 25, 2000, submitted herewith is a Declaration for the above application executed by the inventors.

Also enclosed are the PTO surcharge of \$130.00 required by 37 CFR 1.492(e), and a copy of the PTO notice.

It is respectfully submitted that the application is now complete, and early indication thereof is now requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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